



Atty. Docket No.: 05313P002

In Re Application for:

Sandra E. Hutchins

Serial No.: 09/759,734

Filed: January 12, 2001

For: **VARIABLE RATE SPEECH
DATA COMPRESSION**

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Group: Not Yet Assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application filed on January 12, 2001, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following preliminary amendments and remarks.

IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At page 3, line 5, please delete "**Figure 9** illustrates a structure of a bit stream sent over a digital channel."

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 39, line 3, please delete: "To this end, with reference to the structures displayed in **Figure 9**,".

At page 39, line 3, please replace the second occurrence of the word "the" with ~~The~~.

At page 40, line 1, please delete: "laid out as illustrated in **Figure 9**."

At page 40, lines 3-4, please delete: "laid out as illustrated in **Figure 9**."